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Re: Special Notice of Liability
Sauget Area 2 Site
Sauget/Cahokia, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your July 23, 2000 letter addressed to Century Electric Company ("Century"). Century forwarded this letter to GA-TEK Inc., d/b/a Gould Electronics Inc. (Gould") on August 2. Century's letter was received by Gould on August 3.

For your information, Gould acquired Century Electric Company on January 1, 1972 and subsequently sold this business on May 27, 1983. Pursuant to the May 27, 1983 purchase and sale agreements, Gould retained liability for pre May 27, 1983 liabilities such as alleged in this matter.

Other than the purchase order, invoices, receipts and supply documents accompanying EPA's July 23, 2000 Special Notice letter, Gould has no information or documents relating to this site. When Gould sold the business

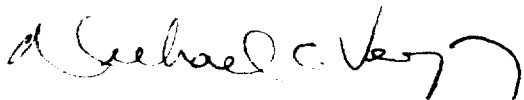
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in 1983, for the most part, all the business records remained with the business operations.

The documents furnished by EPA reflect shipments of trash in 1968 and 1971 and 1972. As the documents do not identify the trash contents, we do not know whether any of this material was toxic or hazardous waste. If EPA has any such information, please provide it to us.

Gould is willing to participate in negotiations with EPA with respect to Gould/Century's alleged liability regarding this site. I am the point of contact at Gould. All correspondence should be sent to the above address; my e-mail address is mveysey@gouldelectronics.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Veysey", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael C. Veysey

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